

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Transpacific Currency Services, Inc.,

Complainant,

vs.

Allegiance Telecom, Inc.,

Defendant.

Case 04-02-002
(Filed February 5, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
RECLASSIFYING PROCEEDING AND SETTING HEARING DATE**

Expedited Complaint Procedure (ECP)

Rule 13.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provides an expedited procedure for certain consumer complaints against public utilities. This procedure is only available where the amount of money claimed does not exceed the jurisdictional amount for small claims court. The currently applicable limit is \$5,000 per Code of Civil Procedure § 116.220(a)(1).

In this proceeding, the complainant alleges that Allegiance Telecom, Inc.,¹ billed complainant in advance for monthly services in contravention of its

¹ Allegiance Telecom of California, Inc., filed the answer and stated that it is a certified Competitive Local Carrier in California and that Allegiance Telecom, Inc. is its ultimate corporate parent.

contract. Complainant has deposited the disputed amount, \$1,076.80, with the Commission. Therefore, the issues in this proceeding are eligible for resolution pursuant to the ECP. That process would allow for a more efficient resolution of the remaining issues presented by this complaint.

Therefore, this proceeding will be reclassified and processed pursuant to the ECP. The hearing required by Rule 13(d) shall be held:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2004
10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room
State Office Building
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102**

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated March 26, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY
Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Reclassifying Proceeding and Setting Hearing Date on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 26, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

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